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**National Center for Environmental Assessment  
Weekly Report for February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Notables listed below and 30-day Outlook attached.

**PUBLIC ACTIVITIES**

**Presentation at National Academies Workshop.** On February 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, Kris Thayer will participate in and present at a National Academies workshop “Informing Environmental Health Decisions Through Data Integration.”

**Participation at U.S. Coral Reef Task Force Meeting.** On February 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>, Jordan West and David Gibbs (ORISE Fellow) will participate in the biannual meeting of the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force in Washington, DC.

**WITHIN EPA**

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**Update on Regional Monitoring Networks to Regions 1 and 2.** On February 13<sup>th</sup>, Britta Bierwagen provided a status update on the Regional Monitoring Networks (RMNs) during the Region I and II EPA/State/Territory Monitoring Programs Meeting. Updates included recently added sites in NY and NJ, as well as a pilot project in Region 10 on the use of RMN data to inform restoration site prioritization to improve watershed resilience.

**Region 7 Water Quality Briefing.** On February 15<sup>th</sup>, Rory Coffey (ORISE Fellow) and Tom Johnson will brief EPA Region 7 staff about the recently completed Water Quality and Climate Review (available on the EPA intranet at <https://intranet.ord.epa.gov/ncea-wqcr/home>). The presentation will focus on findings relevant to that region and how information from the review can be used.

## **OTHER RECENT ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST**

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**PPRTV Chemical Nominations.** On January 31<sup>st</sup>, PPRTV chemical nominations were due. The Superfund Technical Support Center received 33 chemicals in the nomination process. The next steps will include meeting with OLEM to prioritize and select the chemicals for the FY2020 deliverable.

**Groundwater Tracer Scope of Work for the Stringfellow Superfund Site.** On February 6<sup>th</sup>, Region 9 asked Malcolm Field to provide a rush review on the proposed groundwater tracer test for the Stringfellow Superfund Site in Jurupa Valley, California. Region 9 indicated that very limited time was available for their response to be delivered to the Probable Responsible Parties (PRPs), Malcom delivered his review on February 8<sup>th</sup>. The tracer test was proposed as a means of determining the effectiveness of the groundwater barrier installed at Zone 1 at the site.

**Outreach to a Girl Scout Troop.** On February 6<sup>th</sup>, Emmi Felker-Quinn was interviewed by Girl Scout Troop 1377 about being a botanist, and Emmi Felker-Quinn and Meredith Lassiter led the troop in activities about floral anatomy and systematics as the 14 scouts worked on the requirements for their flower badges.

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